

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended Claims 5-9 and 15 and canceled Claims 1, 3, 16 and 17. Claims 2 and 4-15 remain.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance in view of the above amendments and indication of allowability of those claims in the office action. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

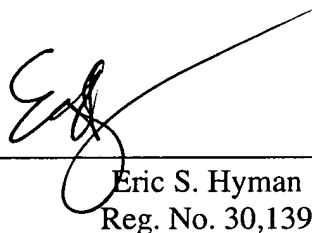
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 4, 2005

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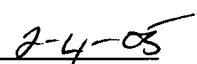

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